

1 1. (Amended) A method for interfacing an object oriented
2 software application with a relational database, comprising the
3 steps of:

4 selecting an object model;

5 generating a map of at least some relationships between
6 schema in the database and the selected object model;

7 employing the map to create at least one interface object
8 [that corresponds] associated with an object corresponding to a
9 class associated with the object oriented software application;

10 and

11 [U] utilizing a runtime engine which invokes said at least
12 one interface object with the object oriented application to
13 access data from the relational database.

1 10. (Amended) A computer program fixed on a computer-readable
2 medium and adapted to [that] operate[s] on a computer to provide
3 access to a relational database for an object oriented software
4 application, comprising:

5 a mapping routine that generates a map of at least some
6 relationships between schema in the database and a selected object
7 model;

8 a code generator that employs said map to create at least one
9 interface object associated [that corresponds] with an object
10 corresponding to a class associated with the object oriented
11 software application; and

12 a runtime engine that [utilizes] invokes said at least one
13 interface object to access data from the relational database.